Besides above flyovers, two more flyovers namely Marshal J.B. Tito Marg & Road to Nehru Place (Near Central School Andrews Gunj) and G.T. Road and Road No. 56 (Entry Point) are also under planning stage.

(c) and (d) The PWD, Delhi is examining a proposal for construction of flyover at this location.

Road cuttings and diggings by various private companies in Delhi

2948. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there have been road cuttings and diggings in various parts of Delhi to lay Optic Fibre Cables (OFCs) by some private companies;

(b) whether roads are not properly laid by these companies after laying OFCs;

(c) whether Government and other civic agencies are to formulate a strategy on road cuttings and diggings by these private companies; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The private service providers do not restore the roads, footpaths etc. The restoration work is done by road owning agencies after realising the restoration charges in advance from the private companies concerned. It has been informed by the concerned road owning agencies that the restoration work is being done properly.

(c) and (d) Guidelines (Inter Utility Code of Conduct) approved by the Delhi Administration already exists to regulate the road maintenance *vis-a-vis* road cutting and road restoration. Govt. of National Capital Territory of Delhi has informed that they are

framing a comprehensive policy in consultation with local bodies to deal with the subject.

Conversion of leasehold ownership to freehold

2349. SHRI RAJU PARMAR:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Conversion to freehold now possible as DDA lifts ban", which appeared in the Times of India, New Delhi dated the 16th February, 2002;

(b) if so, the details of the new scheme announced by Government for conversion of leasehold ownership to freehold; and

(c) the rates of land in different zones in the National Capital Territory of Delhi approved by Government and the effective date of the revised land rates in NCT?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Scheme of conversion of leasehold system of land tenure in Delhi into freehold as announced by the Government in 1992 was extended from time to time upto 31.3.2002. Thereafter, the conversion of residential properties from leasehold to freehold was to be allowed on payment of conversion charges to be calculated on the basis of current market rates.

Pending revision of market rates, the Delhi Development Authority has taken an interim decision to invite applications for conversion of residential properties from leasehold to freehold on the market rates notified by the Government of India for the 2-year block 1998-2000 which works out to 2.31